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Eastern Correctional Institution to Dedicate New 140-Bed Unit On July 14

TOWSON, MD (June 26, 2006)---Eastern Correctional Institution, the largest state prison in Maryland and the Lower Shore's biggest employer, will cut the ribbon on a new building at **10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 14**. Local dignitaries, elected officials, and leaders from the Maryland Division of Correction and Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services will attend the ceremony.

The new 140-bed housing unit will be a part of the ECI Annex. Its inmates will be minimum-security and live in two dormitories. The DPSCS Division of Capital Construction supervised construction of the building, which took 15 months and provided local jobs through Nason Construction of Salisbury. The project cost approximately \$4 million.

The new unit creates 13 positions at ECI, and provides space for addictions groups, career development classes, addictions screening, parenting classes, and domestic violence workshops, among other programs. Also very important: the new building will create 46 new jobs for ECI inmates, from sanitation details to road crews. This is critical because reducing idle time helps improve safety for staff and inmates.

ECI BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Opened:	1987
Employees:	879 (plus contract employees, making ECI the Lower Shore biggest employer)
Warden:	Kathleen Green
Inmates:	Approximately 3,170 (ECI is Maryland's largest state prison)

Md. Correctional Enterprises Shops: Graphics and textiles, furniture restoration

ECI IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT ECI'S NEW BUILDING

Jobs

13 STAFF POSITIONS CREATED

*correctional officers
social worker
addictions counselor
case manager
correctional dietary officer*

APPROXIMATELY 46 INMATE JOBS CREATED

Inmate Programs in the New Classroom & Group Room Space

*Cognitive behavioral groups
Adult GED
Employment readiness training
Computer training
Re-entering society preparedness
Strengthening parenting skills
Domestic violence group
Alcoholics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous*

Contract Information

Builder: Nason Construction of Salisbury, Md.
Total cost: \$4.1 million
Construction period: 15 months
Square footage: 12,600

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